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**PRESS RELEASE**



**Council Bluffs Community Study Group moving forward with plans for a new police headquarters**

Council Bluffs, IA – Eleven community members from across Council Bluffs are meeting tonight to talk about the future of a possible new Council Bluffs Police Headquarters. They will also discuss and evaluate police department staff recommendations and check out the 10 potential sites for a new police headquarters location.

The group will review its findings from touring the current police headquarters, as well as its visit to the newer facilities in the Kansas City area.

Three project fact sheets are available to introduce the community study group to Council Bluffs residents. The fact sheets include information about the group members, the need for the project and frequently asked questions. The websites and additional fact sheets will be updated on a regular basis to help the community see the preliminary sites being considered and the site evaluation criteria vital in helping the study group provide a recommendation to City Leaders.

“We are extremely grateful for the serious commitment of this community study group in studying our department’s needs and the best possible options to help make Council Bluffs even safer,” Council Bluffs Police Chief Tim Carmody said. “The time they have spent examining our current location and modern facilities in the Kansas City area will enable them to make great recommendations to help the city make wise decisions.”

The all-volunteer community study group will work closely with the technical project team to gain any information required to provide non-binding recommendations to the City. The study group will also have a neutral facilitator to assist in its research.

An extensive public information effort will be centered on the study group’s work, culminating in an open house public meeting in mid-February. The group welcomes public comment about its recommendations before sending a final proposal to the City. Additional information will be available at study group meetings throughout the analysis process.

The study group members come from all walks of life and reside or work in areas which cover all sectors of the community. They will meet several times over the next six weeks to review potential locations throughout the community. They will then forward their recommendations to the City Officials. The study group will meet this evening at the Council Bluffs Public Library from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. The meetings are open to the public to observe, but space is limited.

**For more information visit the project website:**

[www.councilbluffs-ia.gov/policehq](http://www.councilbluffs-ia.gov/policehq)

Residents are encouraged to contribute to an on-line community discussion here:

[www.buildingcbsaferfuture.mysidewalk.com](http://www.buildingcbsaferfuture.mysidewalk.com)

Original project graphics can be furnished upon request.